We hereby certify that Messrs. Maulsby, Bowlus, and Tuck of the House of Delegates, and Messrs. Brown and Cottman of the Senate, were appointed a Joint Committee, on the 21st day of March, 1837 of the Legislature of Maryland, to investigate, during the recess of the State Legislature, the general affairs of the Penitentiary of Maryland, and with power to send for persons and papers, and to examine witnesses upon oath. The said committee particularly to inquire into the finance and police of the institution, and how far the several mechanical and other employments, there prosecuted, interfere with the mechanics of Baltimore or other parts of the State,—and that the committee report the result of their examination, together with such testimony as they may collect, and such suggestions as may grow out of said examination, for the improvement of the institution and the interest of the State, to the next General Assembly.

Given under our hands at the city of Annapolis, this 22d day of

March, 1837.

GEO. G. BREWER, Clerk House Delegates, Md.

JOS. H. NICHOLSON, Clerk Senate, Md.